

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) ~~Use of an aroma-providing substance in an amount sufficient to increase~~ A method for increasing the organoleptic properties of a coffee flavor provided in a food or beverage, ~~characterized in that the~~ comprising the steps of using a sufficient amount of an aroma-providing substance is comprising a straight chain C₄ – C₅ mercapto-alkanone or a mixture of two or more thereof.

Claim 2 (currently amended) ~~The method~~ Use according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the aroma-providing substance is selected from the group consisting of 3-mercapto-2-butanone, 2-mercapto-3-pentanone, 3-mercapto-2-pentanone and ~~or a mixture~~ mixtures of two or more thereof.

Claim 3 (currently amended) ~~The method~~ Use according to claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that wherein~~ the aroma-providing substance is present in an amount effective to impart a catty-sulfury, fruity, roasty, odor character to increase the freshly brewed coffee organoleptic properties of the food or beverage.

Claim 4 (currently amended) ~~The method~~ Use according to ~~any preceding claim 1, wherein in which~~ the aroma-providing substance is used in combination with a compound selected from the group consisting of 4-methoxy-2-methylbutan-2-thiol, and/or with one or more of the compounds 4-mercapto-4-methyl-2-pentanone, methional, and 4-mercapto-4-methylbutyl formate.

Claim 5 (currently amended) ~~The method~~ Use according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the one or more of the sulfur compounds is present in an amount effective to impart a fruity, blackcurrent-sulfury, odor character to increase the freshly brewed coffee organoleptic properties of the food or beverage.

Claim 6 (currently amended) A method for increasing the organoleptic properties of a coffee flavor provided in a food or beverage which comprises providing a food or beverage and adding ~~thereto or incorporating~~ at least one aroma-providing substance in the food or beverage in an amount sufficient to increase the coffee flavor thereof, ~~characterized in that the~~ aroma-providing substance is comprising a straight chain C₄ – C₅ mercapto alkanone or a combination of two or more thereof.

Claim 7 (currently amended) A food or beverage that comprises a consumable component and at least one aroma-providing substance in an amount sufficient to increase the organoleptic properties of a coffee flavor in the food or beverage, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the aroma-providing substance is comprising a mixture of two or more straight chain C₄ – C₅ mercapto alkanones.

Claim 8 (currently amended) A food or beverage according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the aroma-providing substance is selected from the group consisting of a mixture of two or more of 3-mercapto-2-butanone, 2-mercapto-3-pentanone and 3-mercapto-2-pentanone.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A food or beverage according to claim 7 ~~or 8, comprising characterized in that it contains~~ a mixture of the aroma-providing substance with selected from the group consisting of 4-methoxy-2-methylbutan-2-thiol and/or with one or more of the compounds 4-mercapto-4-methyl-2-pentanone, methional, and 4-mercapto-4-methylbutyl formate.

Claim 10 (currently amended) A food or beverage according to ~~any of claims claim 7 to 9, wherein characterized in that the~~ consumable component ~~comprises~~ is selected from the group consisting of a reconstitutable beverage, ready-to-drink beverage, alcoholic beverage, dough-based product, frozen confectionery product, chocolate or analogue thereof, cereal, ~~or a spreadable dairy product, or dairy substitute, or any mixture and mixtures thereof.~~